

REMARKS

The Examiner describes three groupings:

1. Claims 86-93
2. Claims 94-100 and 104-124
3. Claims 101-103

And indicates that there are three distinct inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121.

IN THE CLAIMS

I am electing Claims 94-100 and 104-124 with traverse for this application which are now submitted below in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c). The remaining claims 86-93 and 101-103 are withdrawn without prejudice.

ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEES

Payment of \$60 is included for an Extension of 30 days from the Shortened Statutory Period for Reply set that expired on July 3, 2005.

CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

The present application is a national stage application filed under 35 USC § 371. Applicant requests acknowledgment that the present application has met the requirements of 35 USC § 371, and accordingly, this application claims the benefit of the international filing date of PCT application PCT/US98/20376, filed on 10/29/1998.

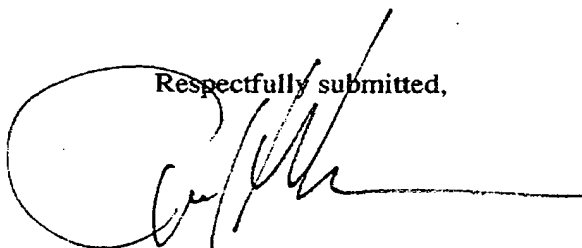
REQUEST FOR NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

Applicant requests a Notice of Allowance for pending claims 94-100 and 104-124.

CONCLUSION

All pending claims 94-100 and 104-124 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the subject application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned applicant before issuing a subsequent Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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Geoffrey Lee McCabe